The Prydonian Renegade

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Are You Coming to WHOVENT?

Nick Courtney in New York!

Nicholas Courtney, well-known as "The Brigadier" on Doctor Who, will be appearing at a Creation Convention in Manhattan on May 10 and 11. Mark Lenard, Sarek of "Star Trek," will also be there.

The convention will be held at the Roosevelt Hotel on Madison Avenue at 45th Street from 11 to 7 both days. Tickets are available at the door. The Prydonians, along with several of the other clubs in the area, will be having a table in the dealers' room. Stop by and get one of our fancy t-shirts, or buy one of our new club baseball caps!

Nick Courtney is one of the nicest people in the world, and can often be found wandering through the convention practically unescorted. He loves to talk to the fans and has great stories to tell about shooting Doctor Who. As the only actor to appear with each of the first Five Doctors, he is a mine of information about the development of the series. This is his only scheduled appearance on the east coast this year.

In conjunction with the convention, we are holding a "satellite" Assembly in Manhattan on Saturday night, May 10. This will be a joint meeting with The Jersey Jagaroth. Marsha Quinn has offered her apartment for the meeting/party, which will begin at 6 pm. The address is 308 West 30th Street, Apartment 10B.

Please try to make it to the Assembly. It will be a great opportunity for New York and Long Island Prydonians to see what our meetings are like. We will be having a skit and a filk-sing, plus maybe something else really special. Some food will be provided, although donations, especially of soft drinks, are really welcome.

See you there!

"Adric and Company" on its way

As we reported in last month's issue, the BBC are planning to bring back Matthew Waterhouse as Adric in "Doctor Who." This will form a major part of the over-arching plot of the 23rd Season, currently in production in Britain. Adric, supposedly killed in the 1982 story "Earth Shock," will turn out actually to have been rescued from the doomed freighter at the last second by the Master. The young Alzarian math genius then joins forces with the evil Time Lord to attempt to destroy the Doctor and Gallifrey.

We also reported that Michael Grade was considering "spinning off" Adric into his own regular series. At the April 1 announcement of Adric's return, Grade explained that Adric had always been his favorite character on "Doctor Who," and that he was thrilled to be in a position to resurrect his hero. It was Adric's brutal destruction, Grade went on to say, that led to him becoming disenchanted with the show.

It now seems that the spin-off will definitely go ahead. The new show, to be called "Adric and Company," will feature Matthew Waterhouse's character as an interstellar private eye, using his extraordinary mathematical and computer skills to trap high-tech crooks in the 28th Century. Adric, operating out of a remake of the Alzarian Starliner (financed by sales of his best-selling book on the extermination of the dinosaurs) will be assisted by an electro-mechanical snake called Π-THON.

In keeping with the Eric Saward school of continuity, no explanation will be provided for how Adric and the Master part company.

"Adric and Company" will go on the air in Great Britain some time in 1987. There is no word yet on when it will be sold to American TV.

As we reported last week, the confirmed guests for WHOVENT '86 EAST are:

Colin Baker
Bonnie Langford
John Nathan-Turner
Lalla Ward
Mark Strickson
Louise Jameson
Sarah Sutton

WHOVENT '86 EAST will be held May 23-26 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in New Brunswick, NJ. Tickets are available through May 8 from The Prydonians. Prices at the door will be: $37.50 for a 3-day pass, $32.50 for a 2-day pass, and $25.00 for any one day. Cabarets, luncheons, and receptions can also be purchased at the convention at the regular prices.

There will be panels and autograph sessions every day. Also each guest will have an individual talk session. There will also be authograph sessions each day, and a long-running video room.

In case you can only go on one day, the costume contest will be held on Saturday, May 24.

Also, there will be a filksong contest on Sunday, May 25. The only restriction on entry is that your song(s) must be "respectable," and you have to perform them yourself! Mark Strickson and Bonnie Langford will judge the filk contest.

So far, ticket sales have been slow, although we have received a number of orders since mailing out our flyer last week. If you haven't yet ordered, and would like to, please telephone Gallifrey East immediately.

Those of you who haven't already ordered your admission tickets to the Fan Hospitality Suite we and the other local clubs are sponsoring at WHOVENT should do so soon. You can, of course, purchase admissions at the con. It'll be worth it to have a place during the day to rest, get a soft drink, talk in relative calm and quiet to friends, and just get away from it all. Tickets are available from Gallifrey East.

Where's the Assembly?

The next Prydonian Assembly will be held Saturday June 7 from 1 to 5 at the home of Mike Fagan in Somerville, NJ. The Jersey Jagaroth had a meeting there this winter, and had a wonderful time. Mike, his wife, their infant son, and their two basset hounds have a lovely home. Mike's address is 602 Westminster Court. Telephone: 201-874-8934.

Directions are as follows:

From the north, take I-287 South to exit 13 (Rts 202 & 206 South). Follow the Somerville Circle (a very nasty one) three quarters of the way around and take 206 South. At the TENTH traffic light turn right onto New Amwell Road. Look for a Dunkin' Donuts on the left.

From New Amwell take the third left onto Taurus Drive. Then take the first right. This is Victoria Court, although there are no street signs (instead, look for a wooden sign on each building). As you cross the speed bump, Windsor Court is dead ahead and Westminster (your destination) is on the right. #602 is diagonally on the right, the only #602 in the entire complex. Park wherever you can.

From Princeton and the south, take 206 north. Look for the GSA Belle Meade Depot sign (it's big and blue with yellow letters). Once you pass it, count THREE traffic lights to New Amwell Road (the Dunkin' Donuts will be on your right). Turn left onto New Amwell and follow the preceding paragraph.

If the weather's nice, we'll have a barbecue and picnic. Please bring something to eat, and also soft drinks, chips, and dessert will be appreciated. Paper goods will be provided. Entire families are welcome to come!

See you there !

Found in the Matrix

The North East Matrix is now 6 clubs strong. At the April 27 meeting of delegates, Two Hearts Ltd. of Harrisburg, PA, was accepted as a Matrix affiliated club. Two Hearts, which was founded only in March of this year, is already over 60 members strong (a figure The Prydonians didn't meet until the eighth month of our existence!) Welcome, Two Hearts Ltd.! Their meetings are the fourth Saturday of each month. For information, call Jo[illegible] Bollinger at 717-761-6313.

The Unearthly Children will be holding their next meeting on Saturday May 10, from 1 to 3:30 pm at the Northeast Public Library in Philadelphia. The Library is located on Cottman Avenue (also known as Route 73) across from Gimbels. Their meetings are lots of fun, so if you live in the area, why not try to attend?

They've also taken a page from our book by setting up a "satellite" meeting for their members in southern New Jersey. The first one was held in Mt. Laurel in late April, the next one will probably be scheduled for June. We have lots of members in south Jersey who can't make it up to Mercer County for our own monthly Assemblies. This would be a nice way for you to meet other Whovians. For information, call Bryan and Mary Ann Cooper at 609-778-0505.

Also on May 10, TARDIS Tours of Allentown, PA, is sponsoring a Doctor Who Day at the New Jersey Astronomical Association observatory at Voorhees State Park, Highbridge, NJ. From 2 pm to midnight there will be a picnic, cricket, videos and then in the evening stargazing, including a chance to catch a last look at Halley's Comet. For information call TARDIS Tours at 215-868-8342. For directions call Devra Parks at 201-689-6366.

The High Council

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The Island of the Third Doctor

An I-CON V Report

by Cathy Boudreau

What an adventure! I had never been to a "mainstream" science fiction convention before, but when I heard that Jon Pertwee would be there, I figured what the hell---why not? I-CON V, at SUNY Stony Brook---here I come!

It all started with a four hour trek from my home in Westchester County, NY, out to Stony Brook, Long Island. When I arrived at the train station, I was greeted by the convention shuttle-bus driver. This was just about the last time anyone would see this endangered species all weekend. He said he'd take me to Convention Registration, but first we had to stop by all the official convention motels to see if anyone there wanted a lift to the con (which was being held on the university campus). At the Smithtown Motor Lodge I ran into my fellow Whovians Tom Beck, Mike Cohen, Mike Halliday (with all of whom I was rooming, although until then, I had no idea at which inn) and Meg and Dorrie Sillman and Dave Kienzle.

That night began three amazing days. The weather was atrocious (cold and rainy) and the physical layout of the convention (some public appearances were almost a ten minute walk from the main convention site---pure hell in that weather) plus the abysmal organization and preparation made this truly a con for the brave. But fun.

At his first appearance Friday night, Jon Pertwee entertained us with his marvelous stories and funny faces. Along with a group of Prydonians from New York City, we grabbed front-row center seats for all five of Mr. Pertwee's talk-sessions---he got sick and tired of seeing us out in front every single time! We asked him loads of questions, including how he felt about being called "England's Danny Kaye" (he hated it) and the true story behind the picture of hims standing in a nightgown with an umbrella in his hand and a cigarett[redacted]nette Murawski, filkwriter ext[redacted]n asked him a question in "Wo[redacted]gibberish language from his "Worzel Gummidge" TV show! Finally, whenever someone asked him a question about "Doctor Who" that he couldn't answer, we would yell out the answer. Finally, he started asking our own Castellan, Tom Beck, to answer for him. Jon Pertwee's Unpaid Doctor Who Adviser!

James Doohan, the other media guest star, was a wonderfully funny, forthright person, who answered many questions (though he wouldn't say much about "Star Trek Four" except to confirm that its subtitle is "The Journey Home.") He even attended the "Meet the Pros" party on Saturday night.

John Peel was also there, the author of the "Doctor Who Files" books. He is the man most Whovians seem to hate. The books often present controversial or even perverse interpretations of the show, plus there are frequent production problems, typos, or even outright errors (such as calling Tegan Nyssa at one point). However, Mr. Peel confided to me that he never got to see page proofs, so he couldn't correct mistakes, and that he usually writes controversial articles simply to provoke discussion. He also told me that the newest "Files" was on Season 8 and was a tribute to the late Roger Delgado. He was very disturbed that the publisher did not use all the photos he submitted and in a couple of cases substituted shots of Anthony Ainley!

Mr. Peel presented a film show on the first three actors to play the Doctor, including clips of their films and televison appearances before their incarnations as our favourite Time Lord! For instance, did you know that Jon Pertwee played a character called "The Brigadier" in THE AVENGERS? Also, some of the SUNY students showed their own home-made videos, including one done to Jon's recording of "I am the Doctor."

Finally, perhaps the most interesting thing we learned all weekend (besides some slightly odd things about the Royal Family) was that Jon was only the BBC's second choice to replace Patrick Troughton at the time. Number one on their list? Ron Moody!

Gallifreyan Gala a Smash!

Saturday May 3 was windy, but as bright and sunny as you could ever hope for. And The Great Gallifreyan Gala II was the perfect way to spend the day. Over a hundred Doctor Who fans from The Prydonians, the Unearthly Children, the Jersey Jagaroth, and the Doctor Who Fan Club of East Brunswick, converged on the American Legion Post in Robinsville, NJ, to celebrate Doctor Who and have fun.

In addition to T-shirts, badges, photos, fanzines, and other merchandise on sale, videos were shown, cricket was played (despite the wind!) and lots of food consumed. Late in the afternoon, Eric Luskin of New Jersey Network spoke on his long involvement with Doctor Who, and then he and Mike Jarmus of WCTC radio in New Brunswick and Chuck Rabb of several radio stations in Philadelphia talked about their interviews with different DW stars and personalities. Next, The Not Ready For Prime Time-And-Space players offered a World Premiere of the latest skit to crawl out of Tom Beck's fevered imagination, "For the World is Hollow, and I Have Eaten the Sky." Finally, Jeanette Murawski led a rousing filk-sing.

In addition, we held the drawing in the raffle for the autographed copy of Jon Pertwee's autobiography "Moon Boots and Dinner Suits". Over one hundred raffle tickets were sold for this rare item, netting the club a lot of badly needed money. Jeanette Murawski, new business manager of the American Fans of Jon Pertwee, drew out the winning slip, which belonged to Faith Kessler of Albuquerque, New Mexico (believe it or not), a staunch Prydonian and our Correspondent from Extremely Outer Gallifrey. Congratulations to Faith!

What with our new "Prydonians of Prynceton" baseball caps ($5; $7 by mail), the great food provided by the Legion Hall (thanks to Doris Lytwyn and her parents for arranging all that), and the rest of the day's events, we celebrated Doctor Who and The Prydonians' Second Birthday in the grandest style imaginable. See you next year at TGGG III!

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Doctor's Gear and Monsters Tour

The BBC used to maintain a permanent exhibition of Doctor Who props, photos, and other items on the boardwalk in Blackpool, a resort town in northwestern England. The exhibit has been closed, but it is being sent on tour of the US!

The tour will be sponsored at stops across the country by PBS stations, beginning in Washington, DC this month. It will usually stop at each location for two or three days before moving on. A small admission price (probably $2) will be charged. Most of the proceeds will go to the sponsoring PBS stations.

The exhibit will be housed in a special 48-foot long trailer. You will enter through the TARDIS console room and walk through what is being billed as an incredible "experience theater on wheels," running face to face with many of the monsters that have made Doctor Who famous. All the monsters shown were actually used in making the series. Some will be animated. Special mirrors and [redacted] will combine with a sound track to create the illusion that [redacted]re walking through outer space.

Not only that, but "Bessie," the Edwardian roadster Jon Pertwee drove during his stint as the Doctor, will also be included in the exhibit.

Finally, K9 will say goodbye to you as you leave.

New Jersey Network will be sponsoring the exhibition at two or three locations in the Garden State, probably shopping malls. No firm dates have been fixed, but it will probably be the first or second weekend in June. Stay tuned to New Jersey Network for more information. We may be asked to provide volunteers to serve as guides, security, and to sign up new members for New Jersey Network.

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